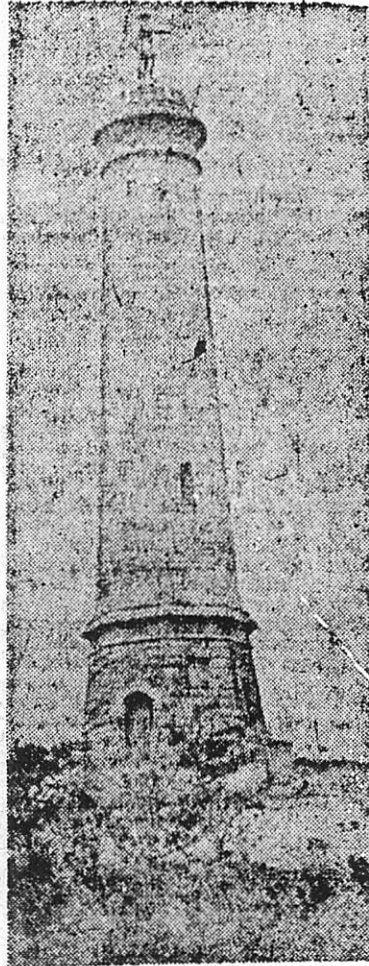


MYLES LOSES HEAD AND ARM

Standish Statue Hit by
Lightning Bolt



STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

Myles Standish monument at Duxbury
damaged in storm yesterday.

SOUTH DUXBURY, Aug. 26.—Myles Standish was decapitated and suffered the loss of his right arm when he was struck by lightning shortly after noon today. The severed arm held the charter of the Pilgrim colony.

The damage to the bronze figure of the grim Pilgrim warrior standing on the top of a memorial shaft on Captain's Hill here, which was a part of the farm where Myles sought to bring the maiden Priscilla as mistress, was only a part of the damage wrought in a terrific assault by the lightning. Granite blocks at the top of the shaft were loosened, windows were shattered and the steps leading up the hill to the memorial were torn loose and broken.

Early estimates of the damage were placed at \$20,000, but until engineers can examine the structure, now roped off and guarded, it will not be known whether the shaft has been weakened beyond a point of safety.

The shaft is a historic landmark in the landing place of the Pilgrims. It was built by the Myles Standish Monument Association. The corner-stone was laid on Oct. 7, 1872, but the slowness in financing delayed completion until 1896, when it was dedicated.

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THE ORDEAL OF MYLES STANDISH... AND HIS
CLOSED MONUMENT AND OF ALL WHO CAME TO VISIT

